



St Peter the Apostle Catholic Church

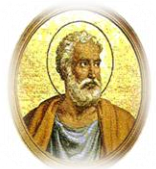
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PARISH TEAM

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Assistant Priest: Fr Matthew Ndibe

Deacons: Rev Piotr Ziezio and Rev Errol Jadoc

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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

SUNDAY 5:00pm – 5:45pm
MONDAY – FRIDAY 10:15am – 12:15pm
SATURDAY 11:00am – 12:15pm



ROSARY
Mon-Friday
Before
9:30am
& 12:30pm
Masses



SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

SATURDAY 11:00am – 12noon
5:15pm – 5:45pm
SUNDAY 5:15pm – 5:45pm

THE MONTH OF MARCH IS DEDICATED TO THE DEVOTION OF ST JOSEPH

Week commencing 15th March 2020 – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

Saturday 14th 6:00pm	Mass – Theresa Nwachukwu RIP
Sunday 15th 8:30 am 10:00am 11:45am 5:00pm 6:00pm	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (A) Adult Christian Initiation Mass – Intentions Hildren and Nora First Scrutiny Mass – Abutu Peter Oreka RIP Mass – Thanksgiving for Calista and Bryan Ukaegbu (Birthday) Stations of the Cross Mass – People of the Parish
Monday 16th 9:30am 12:30pm	Feria Mass – Domingos Donascimento and Francisca Viera RIP Mass – Thanksgiving for Obah Patina (Birthday)
Tuesday 17th 9:30am 12:30pm	St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland Mass – Peace in Ireland Mass – Welfare of Jacques Fauchaux
Wednesday 18th 9:30am 12:30pm 6:15pm 7:00pm	Feria Mass – Peter Solomon Sabali RIP Mass – Ethel Elizabeth Cox RIP (Anniversary) DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS Mass – In Honour of Divine Mercy
Thursday 19th 9:30am 12:30pm 5:00pm – 6:00pm	St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass – Welfare of the Akinolas Mass – Joe D'Souza RIP PARISH SURGERY – PUGIN PLACE
Friday 20th 9:30am 12:30pm 6:00pm 6:45pm	Feria Mass – A cure to be found for Coronavirus Mass – Lolo Theresa Ofinnale RIP (Anniversary) Stations of the Cross Mass – Intentions of the Celebrant
Saturday 21st 12:00 noon 12:30pm 6:00pm	Feria Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Mass – Marie Indiana Payet RIP Mass – Dora Turner RIP
Sunday 22nd 8:30 am 10:00am 11:45am 5:00pm 6:00pm	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A) Adult Christian Initiation Mass – Anthony Rodrigues RIP Second Scrutiny Mass – Daisy Augustin RIP Mother's Day Mass – People of the Parish – 1 st Anniversary Catholic Women's Organisation Stations of the Cross Mass – Welfare of Nichola Brenrshame and Family



ARCHBISHOP OF SOUTHWARK

**SUSPENDING THE SIGN OF PEACE AND RECEPTION
FROM THE CHALICE AT MASS
TO REDUCE RISKS OF COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS TRANSMISSION**

In response to the Covid-19 virus, in order to reduce possible transmission, I am introducing the following special pastoral measures, effective from 9 March 2020 to 6 April 2020 when they will be reviewed.

- 1) The sign of peace is to be suspended at Mass. In order not to create confusion in the minds of the lay faithful, I request that all priests and deacons simply omit any reference to the offering of the sign of peace, prior to the *Agnus Dei*.
- 2) Holy Communion from the chalice shall cease to be offered to the lay faithful. The practice of intinction is not to be introduced as an alternative.
- 3) Those who choose to receive Holy Communion on the tongue should be encouraged to receive on the hand instead. Their doing this represents an act of loving charity to their community.
- 4) Holy water stoups in churches and chapels are to be emptied.
- 5) Churches and chapels that are open daily for private prayer should continue to remain open. Care should be given to ensuring that surfaces of high contact (e.g. light switches, door handles and areas around the door) are regularly sanitized throughout the day.
- 6) Ministers should wash and also sanitise their hands before and after distributing Holy Communion. Shared towels should not be used in toilet areas or the sacristy.
- 7) Shared hymnbooks and Mass books should cease to be used. Single-use Mass sheets may be used; though these should be disposed of immediately after use.
- 8) A decision will be made nearer the time as to whether on Good Friday, the traditional 'Veneration of the Cross' is to be observed by a simple genuflection.

MATTHEW'S GOSPEL (PART IV: THE MYSTERY OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN) B. THE SERMON OF PARABLES



- Day 1.** Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13:1-9)
Day 2. The Purpose why Jesus speaks in Parables (Matthew 13:10-17)
Day 3. The Parable of the Sower explained (Matthew 13:18-23)
Day 4. The Parable of Weeds among the Wheat (Matthew 13:24-30)
Day 5. The Parables of the Mustard Seed and the Yeast (Matthew 13:31-33)
Why Jesus speaks in Parables (Matthew 13:34-35)
Day 6. Jesus explains the parable of the weeds (Matthew 13:36-42)
Day 7. Three Parables about the Kingdom (Matthew 13:44-52)

Given at Southwark on 9 March 2020

Signed

The Most Reverend John Wilson
Archbishop of Southwark

Rev Philip Giamfield
Vice-Chancellor

Sick and housebound



Please continue to keep in your daily prayers the sick of our parish family. We pray especially for the following: Annie D'Sa, Emmanuel Meshe, Margaret Jeffrey, Francis Ayodele, Barry Newton, Catherine Garraway, Patrick Duffy, Adriene Kelleher, John Branch, Sheila Edwards, Sheila Lee, Joe and Theresa Devoy, Frater Jeneita, Marie-Anne Collins, Kate Dooley, Joseph Tommy Le, Jo O'Connell, Maureen Brazier, David Orell, Francis Matajo, Tomisin Iddrisu, Tomosina Gloria Watkins, Eli Ladislaus Otto Cox, Jayne Shoboiki, Helen Dickens, Noone Dunlevy, Margaret Dickens, Sandy Bamotra, Jacqueline Demar Richards, Michael Corcoran, Antoine Libanje, Georgina Ferrier, Joyce James, Evelyn Martin, Cesil Ryan, Cecilia Egbujin, Hugh Rozario, Eileen Whyte, Collen Surin, Caitlin Connors, Lizzy Connors, Christopher Browne, Mary Angela McInerney, Theodora St Bernard, Dudley Simmonds, Ray Bat, Myriam Achille, Sadie Byrne, Ann Norton, Tumboma Nampuya Kamesa, Jo Earll, Janet Turner, Ray Renolds, Charmaine Cox, Mary Cowie, Sick Priests of the Diocese and please continue to keep Bishop Pat Lynch in your prayers.



The Most Reverend Peter Smith RIP Emeritus Archbishop of Southwark

It is with great sadness Archbishop Peter Smith, our beloved Archbishop Emeritus, died peacefully just before midnight on Friday 6 March 2020, at the Royal Marsden Hospital, Chelsea. He was a much loved brother, uncle, and friend; a priest of the Archdiocese of Southwark, Rector of St John's Seminary, Womersley, Bishop of East Anglia, Archbishop of Cardiff and Archbishop of Southwark until his retirement in July 2019.

While Archbishop of Southwark, he also served from 2014-2015 as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton. We now entrust our father in faith to the Lord whom he served with such faithfulness, generosity and gentleness. May Archbishop Peter rest in peace and rise in glory.

Funeral arrangements are as follows:

Sunday 29th March:

6pm: Reception into St George's Cathedral followed by Cathedral Mass:

Archbishop John Wilson to preside.

8pm: Vigil Service, after which the Cathedral will close.

Monday 30th March:

7am: Cathedral opens

7.30 am: Cathedral Mass

12.30 pm: Funeral Mass: Archbishop John Wilson to preside.

Burial in the Cathedral Crypt at the end of the Mass

ANNIVERSARIES

This week once again marks the anniversaries of former parishioners and members of our family. We commend to God's Mercy the following -

Doris Bragg, Alice Read, William Healy, Michael Cashin, Joan Ferguson, Gary Beahan, Margaret Baker, Phonsie Furey, Peter Mascarenhas, Joe Mattell, Anthony Ayodele Oni, Omolola Akinsonwo, William O'Connell, John Devlin, Maud Wood, John McNamara, Stephen Martin, Michael O'Leary, Lucy Mascarenhas, Dennis Hand, Father Haefeli, Thomas Kennedy, Fr Patrick Fox, Eileen Bassam, John Michael Butler, Gerald Collier, Brendan Barry, Bridget McNamara, Frances McKiernan, John Williams and Thomas McNamara

**MAY THEIR SOULS AND THE SOULS OF
ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED REST IN PEACE**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents wishing to have their baby baptised in

MAY 2020

should attend the following

Baptism Catechesis Programmes

Session 1 on Tuesday 14th April 2020

Session 2 on Tuesday 28th April 2020

These programmes will start at 7pm and finish at 9pm and will be held in Pugin Place. You are reminded that you need to meet with one of the parish clergy before attending these Sessions. You will find them available on Thursday evenings during Parish Surgery.

**Holy Baptism will be on Sunday 10th May 2020 and
24th May 2020 after the 11:45am Mass.**

Learning from past experience, we request ALL PARENTS, who wish to get their child baptised in the future, to bring their own baptism certificates along with their request form as proof that they are Catholics when they attend Parish Surgery. GODPARENTS will need to get a letter from their parish priest to say they are practicing Catholics.



HAPPY ST PATRICK'S DAY

Tuesday 17th March 2020

This remarkable Saint prompts us to celebrate the wonderful parishioners from Ireland, Nigeria and Monserratt who claim St Patrick as their patron! We value each and every one of you and give thanks to God for the multitude of gifts you bring to our parish family. We give particular gratitude to a vast number of Irish immigrants whose presence and generosity established St Peter's in its infancy in the mid-nineteenth century. May we look back on the past with gratitude, live the present as a gift and look forward to the future with Christian hope. God bless you all!

LENTEN ALMS GIVING: GrowEdo

This Lent, St Peter's is supporting GrowEdo which is a new agricultural development project for young people in Edo State, Nigeria.

This project has been launched by the Dioceses of Benin and Uromi in collaboration with the Santa Marta Group. It aims to use agriculture to develop livelihoods for young people at risk of human trafficking.

This will allow the participants to focus their energies on developing skills in crops and products that they are interested in and see as having market potential.

GrowEdo is a pilot project that in time will be rolled out to other areas. This is part of the Church's wider significant contribution to combat modern slavery in Edo State.

Please put your donations in the box situated in front of the Altar.

THE GREENWICH FILIPINO COMMUNITY

We would like to thank the Greenwich Filipino Community for their bric-a-brac and food sale in aid of our Building Fund last Sunday.

There will be another opportunity to attend this **fundraising event on Sunday 29th March after the 8:30am Mass onwards in Pugin Place.** All proceeds will go towards the Building Fund. Thank you for your support.

FLOWERS IN CHURCH

During the **Season of Lent** we will not be displaying any flowers in the church. If you would like to make a donation to decorate the church for Easter, it will be greatly appreciated.

BIDDING PRAYER COMPOSER

If you would like to join the Bidding Prayer Composer's Volunteer Team, please get in touch with Theresa Benedict, Co-ordinator of the Team, on 07828329339 for further information.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW HEAD TEACHER
The Parish heartily rejoices with Ms M Du Bruyn in her appointment as the new Head Teacher of St Peter's Primary School. Our prayers and solidarity will always be with her, the staff, pupils and Governors of the School.

The Catholic Women's Organisation are inviting Parishioners to join them for their 1st Anniversary Thanksgiving celebrations on 22nd March at 11.45am Mass. Refreshments will take place after Mass in Pugin Place.

CONTACTLESS GIVING

We are very grateful to all who are using the Contactless Devices. We also have the facility during this one-month trial, for parishioners who wish to purchase items from the Repository to pay by card. **Minimum payment is £5.00.**

Last Week's Collection was £1,337.35

Gift Aid of £760.60

Contactless collection: - £297.00

giving us a parish total of £2,394.95

May Our Lord reward you for your kind generosity

NIGERIAN COMMUNITY

meet every **1st Sunday of the month** after the 11:45am Mass in Pugin Place

CAMEROON COMMUNITY

meet every **2nd Sunday of the month** after 11:45am Mass in Pugin Place

GHANA COMMUNITY

meet every **4th Sunday of the month** after 10:00am Mass in Pugin Place

FILIPINO COMMUNITY

meet every **2nd Saturday of the month** - at 4:00pm

Children Liturgy News Corner.

This takes place **every Sunday during the 10:00am Mass and 11:45am Mass.**

Fellowship of Young Adults (FYA)

**Every Monday
From 7:00pm
In Pugin Place**

**FRIENDS IN
THE HOLY SPIRIT
(CHARISMATIC
RENEWAL
PRAYER GROUP)
EVERY MONDAY
AT 6:45pm**

Bible Study Group

**Every Tuesday
at 7:00pm
in Pugin Place**

**Prayer Group
Association of
The Sacred Heart
of Jesus &
Immaculate Heart
of Mary Every
Thursday 6:30pm**

**LEGION OF
MARY
EVERY FRIDAY
6:30pm
in Pugin Place**

**RCIA FOR
ADULTS
Every Saturday
3:00pm-4:00pm
in Pugin Place**